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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the present application,
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present invention provides an expression vector which, upon insertion into various host cells (particularly animal cells such as mammalian cells and insect cells), can secrete a recombinant protein produced extracellularly, allows the simple purification of the produced recombinant protein, and still further provides the recombinant protein almost identical in quality to the natural protein. The expression vector provided herein may also be used in situations where it is preferred to use microorganisms and the like as the host, for example, where the presence of sugar chains on the protein